

## REPORT OF STATE SENATOR

As your State Senator, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and wanted to report from the New Hampshire Senate on important state issues affecting you, as residents of Alton.

Here are some statistics that may be of interest: The Town of Alton received \$4,366,654.03 in state funding in 2006. Education grants made up \$3,497,317.00 of this total.

The balance of state aid consists of the following: \$176,524.90 from the Rooms and Meals Tax, as well as \$421,474.51 in Building Aid, \$17,250 from Diver Education, \$150,910 for Highway Block grants, \$71,570.62 for Special Education, and \$31,607 for Revenue Sharing.

I am serving as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee of the House and Senate, Energy, the Committee on Environment and Economic Development, the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee and I serve as vice-chair on the Health and Human Services Committee. My appointment to the Board of Directors for the Healthy Kids Corporation and on the state's Winnepesaukee Watershed Advisory Committee represent two of the nine statutory committees I serve on as well. Your input on these or any state issues would be of great value to me in representing this district.

There are two overarching issues that will dominate this session: addressing the state Supreme Court's challenge to define an adequate education and crafting budget for the coming biennium. I also will be concentrating on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire, including finding ways to make health insurance more affordable to small businesses, making government more efficient by eliminating outdated regulations, reaching out to families with children who qualify for the state children's health insurance program and protecting the state's natural resources, including its beautiful lakes and waterways.

If you wish to contact me about these or any other matters I hope you will do so. Please call me at (603) 271-2111.

